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SUBJECT: US SPECIALTY STEEL QUOTAS

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1. AMBASSADOR HINTON SPOKE SEPARATELY WITH COMMISSION
VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP AND COMMISSION DIRECTOR
GENERAL HIJZEN ON FEBRUARY 11 ALONG THE LINES OF
PARAGRAPH ONE REFTEL (BEING REPEATED TO GENEVA) AND LEFT
SLIGHTLY MODIFIED TALKING POINTS PAPER WITH HIJZEN. HE STRESSED
US DISQUIET OVER EC REACTIONS TO PRESSURES
LEADING TO DEFLECTION OF STEEL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED
STATES (I.E. THE LAST SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 1(A) REFTEL).
HIJZEN SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTARY
RESTRAINTS TO BE NO WORSE, AND PROBABLY BETTER THAN,
UNILATERALLY IMPOSED QUOTAS.

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2. HIJZEN WAS PLEASED WITH THE NEWS THAT THE UNITED
STATES HAD WAIVED THE REQUIREMENT FOR THIRTY DAYS'
NOTICE PRIOR TO ANY RETALIATORY ACTION IN FAVOR OF
A THREE-DAY NOTICE. THIS TOOK AWAY THE NEED FOR HASTY
DECISIONS.

3. HE STATED THAT THERE WERE TWO SCHOOLS IN GENEVA

ON THIS LEGAL POINT BUT THAT, IN FACT, THE COMMUNITY'S OWN INTERPRETATION WAS THAT PARAGRAPH 3(A) OF ARTICLE XIX ALLOWED 90 DAYS FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO RETALIATE AND THAT THE 30 DAYS WOULD BEGIN TO RUN FROM THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION, THUS THE 30 DAYS COULD BE AN EXTENSION OF THE 90 DAYS AND FOR THAT REASON THE COMMISSION FELT THAT FEBRUARY 14 WAS A CRUCIAL DATE. THE AMERICAN WAIVER TOOK AWAY THIS NEED FOR HASTY DECISIONS. HIJZEN REGRETTED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN GIVEN SUCH SHORT NOTICE AND SAID THAT THE TIME HAD JUST CREPT UP ON THE COMMISSION.

4. HIJZEN PARTICULARLY WELCOMED THE NEWS THAT THE U.S. HAS UNDERTAKEN A HIGH-LEVEL REVIEW AND THAT THIS IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN CABINET-LEVEL CONSIDERATION SOON.

5. HIJZEN FELT THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESPONSE HE WOULD INSTRUCT THE COMMUNITY'S GENEVA DELEGATION TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE US DELEGATION IN ORDER TO MAKE OUT DETAILS FOR EXTENDING BY A FURTHER TWO MONTHS, I.E. UNTIL MAY 14, THE CONSULTATION PERIOD PROVIDED FOR IN GATT ARTICLE XIX(3)(A). AMBASSADOR HINTON SAID THAT HE WOULD REQUEST THE US GOVERNMENT TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO GENEVA ASKING THE US MISSION TO COOPERATE WITH THE EC DELEGATION IN ARRANGING THE DETAILS OF THE EXTENSION.

6. HAFERKAMP SAID HE HAD NEEDED TIME AND HE WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRATEFUL WE HAD PROVIDED IT. HE HOPED THE TIME WOULD BE WELL USED BY BOTH SIDES TO HEAD OFF BREWING TROUBLE. WE COULD COUNT ON HIM TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH US TO THAT END. HINTON

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